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APPLICANT: LARS ABRAHMSEN, § R. SCHWADRON
ET AL. §
TITLE: "CONJUGATE BETWEEN § GR ART UNIT 1644
A MODIFIED SUPERANTIGEN §
AND A TARGET-SEEKING §
COMPOUND AND THE USE OF §
THE CONJUGATE" §

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is an amendment and response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 1999 in the above-referenced case. It is timely by being filed on or before November 16, 1999. Please note that a change of mailing address for this case is enclosed herewith. Also, a Petition To The Commissioner Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 From Improper Requirement For Restriction is being

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submitted with this paper. For the reasons set forth herein including the amendments, applicants respectfully submit that the presently amended claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice Of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the Abstract:

Please add the following Abstract to the specification:

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A conjugate, and methods of use of the conjugate, the conjugate having a target seeking group that binds to a given cell surface structure and a peptide that (i) contains an amino acid sequence derived from a superantigen, (ii) has the ability of binding to a V β chain of a T-cell receptor, and (iii) has a modified ability to bind to a MHC Class II antigen compared to the superantigen from which the peptide is derived.

In the Specification:

On page 26, line 30, please delete "Legends to the figures", and insert in its place: Brief

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description of the drawings

In the Claims:

Please provisionally cancel claims 14-35 without prejudice and without acquiescence, in light of the Final Restriction Requirement. This is a provisional cancellation only pending the outcome